

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

LISA F. JENKINS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE SOCIETY OF
AMERICA,

Defendant.

21-CV-127 (JGK)

ORDER OF SERVICE

JOHN G. KOELTL, United States District Judge:

The Court construes Plaintiff's *pro se* complaint as asserting claims under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e to 2000e-17; 42 U.S.C. § 1981; the New York State Human Rights Law, N.Y. Exec. Law §§ 290 to 297; and the New York City Human Rights Law, N.Y.C. Admin. Code §§ 8-101 to 131. Plaintiff alleges that her employer discriminated against her based on her race. By order dated January 7, 2021, the Court granted Plaintiff's request to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP).

A. Order of Service

Because Plaintiff has been granted permission to proceed IFP, Plaintiff is entitled to rely on the Court and the U.S. Marshals Service to effect service. *Walker v. Schult*, 717 F.3d. 119, 123 n.6 (2d Cir. 2013); *see also* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d) (“The officers of the court shall issue and serve all process . . . in [IFP] cases.”); Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(3) (the court must order the Marshals Service to serve if the plaintiff is authorized to proceed IFP)). Although Rule 4(m) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure generally requires that the summons and complaint be served within 90 days of the date the complaint is filed, Plaintiff is proceeding IFP and could not have served the summons and complaint until the Court reviewed the complaint and ordered that a summons be issued. The Court therefore extends the time to serve until 90 days after the date the summons is

issued. If the complaint is not served within that time, Plaintiff should request an extension of time for service. *See Meilleur v. Strong*, 682 F.3d 56, 63 (2d Cir. 2012) (holding that it is the plaintiff's responsibility to request an extension of time for service); *see also Murray v. Pataki*, 378 F. App'x 50, 52 (2d Cir. 2010) (“As long as the [plaintiff proceeding IFP] provides the information necessary to identify the defendant, the Marshals’ failure to effect service automatically constitutes ‘good cause’ for an extension of time within the meaning of Rule 4(m).”).

To allow Plaintiff to effect service on Defendant Huntington’s Disease Society of America through the U.S. Marshals Service, the Clerk of Court is instructed to fill out a U.S. Marshals Service Process Receipt and Return form (“USM-285 form”) for this defendant. The Clerk of Court is further instructed to issue a summons and deliver to the Marshals Service all the paperwork necessary for the Marshals Service to effect service upon this defendant.

Plaintiff must notify the Court in writing if Plaintiff’s address changes, and the Court may dismiss the action if Plaintiff fails to do so.

B. Consent to Electronic Service

In light of the current global health crisis, parties proceeding *pro se* are encouraged to submit all filings by email to Temporary_Pro_Se_Filing@nysd.uscourts.gov. Instructions for filing by email are located at <https://nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/instructions-filing-documents-email>. *Pro se* parties also are encouraged to consent to receive all court documents electronically. A [consent to electronic service form](#) is available on the Court’s website. *Pro se* parties who are unable to use email may submit documents by regular mail or in person at a drop box at one of the designated courthouse locations in Manhattan (500 Pearl Street) or White Plains (300 Quarropas Street). For more information, including instructions on this new email service for *pro se* parties, please visit the Court’s website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov>.

CONCLUSION

The Clerk of Court is directed to mail a copy of this order to Plaintiff, together with an information package.

The Clerk of Court is further instructed to complete the USM-285 form with the address for the Huntington's Disease Society of America and deliver all documents necessary to effect service to the U.S. Marshals Service.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 15, 2021
New York, New York

/s/ John G. Koeltl

JOHN G. KOELTL
United States District Judge

DEFENDANT AND SERVICE ADDRESS

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